



Board of Licensure for Landscape Architects

Fall 2010

What's new:

New law, new rules, new professional development requirements – check out this publication and our [website](#) for updates!

New Law, New Rules

On May 6, 2009, Governor Chris Gregoire signed into law Substitute Senate Bill 5273, affecting the practice of landscape architecture in Washington State and how it is regulated by the Board of Licensure for Landscape Architects. On May 24, 2010, the board adopted rules to implement the changes to the legislation. You can view the new laws and rules on our [website](#).

Professional Development Requirements

The new law regulating the profession of landscape architecture requires continuing professional development (PD). When the board developed rules to implement this section of the new law, we chose to develop a flexible and liberal approach:

- Your PD activities don't need to be pre-approved by the board
- Your PD activities don't need to come through a specific provider or vendor – they just need to be relevant to the practice of landscape architecture
- You don't need to submit evidence of your PD until you are selected for an audit
- You can find examples of qualifying activities and a worksheet to help track your activities on our [website](#).

How many hours of professional development activities do I need?	You need to accumulate 24 professional development hours (PDH) over your 2-year renewal period. At least 18 PDH must address public health, safety, and welfare.
Where can I find a list of activities or classes?	Contact your professional associations (American Society for Landscape Architects , Washington Chapter American Society for Landscape Architects ,) and related professions (American Institute for Architects). Look at the list of qualifying activities on our webpage : it's possible that many of your existing activities qualify and you just need to record them.
How do I record my hours?	Keep track of the classes you attend or the activities you participate in – you can use your own method, the worksheet provided by the board or the Landscape Architecture Continuing Education System . Keep receipts or certificates of completion. If you don't have these records, keep the agendas, handouts, copies of book covers, etc. to show you were involved in the activity. You should keep these records for 5 years.
What if I get audited?	You'll be asked to submit your records and supporting materials. If the board determines you are missing hours or some of your activities don't qualify, we may require you to make up the shortage.
When do I start recording my hours?	Start recording your PDH now. The audits will start after July 2012.
What if I have more questions?	1) Visit the board's website : we have examples of qualifying activities, sample record keeping forms, and more. 2) Review the new rules , especially sections 308-13-175 through 308-13-215.

Have a voice in the LARE!

The Council of Landscape Architectural Registration Boards (CLARB) is conducting a task analysis, which will form the basis of the Landscape Architectural Registration Exams (LARE). CLARB will send a survey to current exam candidates and licensees the first week in November and the board encourages you to participate. Read [more](#) about the task analysis or visit CLARB's [website](#).

Board news:

Public Member Vacancy

The board has a vacancy for our public member position. If you know a good candidate – someone who is not a past or present member of any other state licensing board, and does not make his or her own livelihood from, nor have a parent, spouse, or child who make their respective livelihood from providing landscape architecture services – persuade them to apply to serve on the [board](#).

The public member provides an important perspective: they offer a view that is sometimes difficult to see when you are member of the profession, they advocate for the public as a whole, and, like the other board members, they strive to protect the public's health, safety and welfare through the regulation of the practice of landscape architecture.

Your board members:

Thomas Sherry, Chair – Spokane
Karen Kiest, Vice-Chair – Seattle
William Bernstein, Secretary – Seattle
Fred Glick, Member – Mercer Island
Vacant, Public Member

2011 Board Meeting Schedule

Meeting agendas and minutes will be published on our [website](#) as they become available.

February 10, 2011 9.30 AM	Conference Call Department of Licensing 405 Black Lake Blvd. SW Olympia, WA 98502
April 21, 2011 9.30 AM	University of Washington Seattle, WA
August 4, 2011 9.30 AM	Conference Call Department of Licensing 405 Black Lake Blvd. SW Olympia, WA 98502
October 14, 2010 9.30 AM	Washington State University Pullman, WA
2011 meeting dates will be set at the October meeting.	

Licensee news:

Congratulations! The Board of Licensure for Landscape Architects and staff welcomed 10 new licensees to the profession between April 1, 2010 and September 30, 2010:

Examination	Reciprocity
Bronwen Carpenter Ryan Lambert Aaron Luoma Krystina Maybay Christopher Meyer Zachary Thomas	Michael Derksen Michael Eagan Stephanie Koch Michael Spackman

Keep your license active – remember these 3 tips:

1. Renewal fees are due every other birthday and are your responsibility.
2. Renewal notices are a courtesy—you are accountable for renewing even if you don't receive a notice.
3. You should notify our office when you change your address.

Complaints and disciplinary activity:

The Board of Licensure for Landscape Architects regulates the industry by investigating complaints of unprofessional conduct and incompetence against licensees, and issues of unlicensed practice. When a complaint is received by the board, an initial investigation is started to gather information about the situation, and usually involves contact with the subject of the complaint (the respondent). A board member is assigned as a case manager and serves as the technical expert. The investigation process can be lengthy and the case has several possible outcomes. The case may be closed by the board with no further action if not enough evidence is found to support the complaint or the respondent quickly remedies the situation. For more serious issues, the board may issue a statement of charges against the respondent, with sanctions for each offense. The respondent has an opportunity for a settlement conference to negotiate the sanctions or can ask for a hearing.

Current Cases:

Unlicensed practice	2
Unprofessional conduct	0
Incompetence	0
Total open cases:	2

Disciplinary Activity and Closed Cases

Case number: Respondent: Allegation: Board Action:	2009-07-1300-00LAN Danny Lo Priore Unlicensed practice Mr. Lo Priore represented his company as a “full service landscape architectural design firm” and offered “architectural plans and consultations.” The board took disciplinary action against the respondent by issuing a cease and desist order and fining him \$1000. The order was served October 21, 2010.
Case number: Respondent: Allegation: Board Action:	2010-04-1300-00LAN Gamache Landscaping, Inc. Brett Gamache & Dean Aeling Unlicensed practice The respondent offered “landscape design by a graduate in landscape architecture” in an advertisement. The board accepted the case manager’s recommendation for closure with no further action on October 14, 2010, and asked the respondent be reminded that to offer landscape architecture services or to use the title “landscape architect” is unlawful unless you hold an active landscape architect license in Washington State.

Check the status of a business or professional license

Use the Department of Licensing’s [Business and Professional License Search](#) to find out:

- if a person or business has a professional license
- if a business is licensed with a city or the state
- if your business or professional license is active
- when a business or professional license will expire

Do your fellow landscape architects get these announcements?

They should. Please tell them to sign up to the Landscape Architects’ ListServ® electronic mailing list. They can join the Listserv® by visiting our [website](#) and following these steps:

- Click “What’s New”, and select “Join Mailing list”
- Select the ListServ® link
- Select the “Join or leave the list (or change settings)” link
- Enter your email address and name, then select the join list button
- You will be sent a confirmation email, and then you will be added to the list

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